

December 2022 Winter Storm Update



Clatsop County Department of Emergency Management is urging residents and businesses to brace themselves and prepare for extremely cold and icy weather **and to limit travel** to the essentials and emergencies on **Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 23.**

Freezing rain, hazardous road conditions will likely persist even with the application of sand or other treatments.

Weather Warnings & Advisories

Wind Chill Advisory for Jewell from **4 a.m. Thursday, December 22 through 6 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23 PST**
Winter Storm Warning for coastal cities and Jewell from **2 p.m. Thursday, December 22 through 7 a.m. Friday, December 23 PST**

We need for people to understand understand that there are limited resources

to cover a large geographic area that will be impacted by this weather event and we don't want you to put yourself in harm's way.

Power Outages

Pacific Power — Call 888-221-7070 or go [online](#) to report your outage.

If your medical device needs recharging and your power is out or battery-dependent, call one of the numbers below so we can let you know of a location with power:

- Astoria Dispatch: 503-325-4411
- Seaside Dispatch: 503-738-6311

Examples of [medical equipment](#) that will need recharging include

- Breathing machines (respirators, ventilators)
- Power wheelchairs and scooters,
- Oxygen, suction or
- Home dialysis equipment



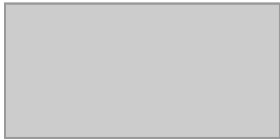
Expected Temperatures

Expected Temperatures from Jewell to Arch Cape

- Wednesday Night: 18-28 degrees
- Thursday: 24-34 degrees
- Thursday Night: 24-41 degrees
- Friday: 40-50 degrees
- Friday Night: 34-46 degrees
- Saturday: 46-52 degrees
- Saturday Night: 41-50 degrees
- Sunday: 52-56 degrees

Expected Wind & Wind Chill from Jewell to Arch Cape

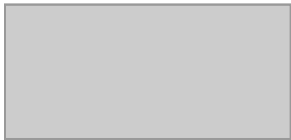
- Wednesday night: 9-20 mph generally from the east with gusts of 21-33 mph and a windchill as low as 10 degrees
- Thursday: 16-21 mph generally from the east with gusts of 29-37 mph and a windchill as low as 3 degrees
- Thursday Night: 10-21 mph generally from the east/southeast with gusts of 29-37 mph as low as 15 degrees
- Friday: 3-18 mph generally from the south with gusts as high as 21-25 mph near the coast and a windchill as low as 18 degrees



Warming Centers

Warming Shelters and Assistance for Houseless Community Members

- Dial 2-1-1 or [211.org](https://www.211.org)
- [Astoria Warming Center](#) | (503) 468-8176
- [Clatsop Community Action](#) | (503) 325-1400
- CCA Regional Food Bank | (503) 861-FOOD (3663)



If You Must Travel

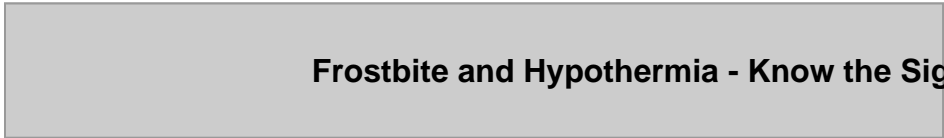
Due to freezing rain, hazardous road conditions will likely persist even with the application of sand or other treatments.

We want people to understand that there are limited resources to cover a large geographic area that will be impacted by this weather event and we don't want you to put yourself in harm's way.

If you must travel in your car, make sure to have a winter emergency kit. Items you should include are:

- Candles and matches
- Flashlight
- Pocket knife
- Snacks
- Phone charger
- Blanket and
- Extra clothing.

[Oregonians should avoid travel if 'extremely dangerous' ice storm materializes: ODOT](#)



Frostbite and Hypothermia - Know the Signs and What To Do

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation

Warning Signs of Frostbite

- Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent

shivering is a signal to return indoors.

- Numbness
- White or grayish-yellow colored skin
- Firm or waxy skin
- People with frostbite are often unaware until someone else points it out because the frozen tissues are numb.
- At the first signs of redness or pain in any skin area, get out of the cold or protect any exposed skin — frostbite may be beginning.

Frostbite and Hypothermia

- Frostbite and hypothermia both result from exposure to cold. If you suspect someone has frostbite, also check them for signs of hypothermia.
- Symptoms of hypothermia may include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss and slurred speech.
- **Hypothermia is a more serious medical condition and requires emergency medical care**